

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1888.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

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Firemen's Festival.

The concert Friday night was well attended, and the programme was rendered in a manner which seemed to be highly appreciated. The Harris band, composed of Mr. Harris, daughter, and two sons, opened the entertainment with an original composition by Mr. H., dedicated to the San Marcos Fire Department, which was executed in a creditable manner. Next, our talented young friend, Mr. B. G. Neighbors, the chosen orator, delivered an appropriate address, which was greeted with great applause. Mr. Neighbors stated in his exordium that he was not prepared to meet so large an audience, and especially so many fair ladies as were there assembled, having only expected to address the fire boys and their comrades from the neighboring towns, and was not ready to make a large speech. Recovering from his embarrassment, however, he proceeded, reviewing the history and development of fire organizations and the appliances for protection used by them against the dread destroyer made during the present century. Mr. N. showed himself quite conversant with the theme in hand, and closed as he began, with a feeling of satisfaction to the fair ladies of Kyle, Lockhart and San Marcos and the world at large.

The vocal music by the ladies was, it is unnecessary to remark, highly enjoyed by all. Miss Jennie Northern's recitation, "That Boy," was a nice take-off of a good old aunt and her bad nephew "Tom," and was well delivered. Mrs. Ned Kyle read an original essay entitled "Polite Lying," which was a decided "hit," and evinced no ordinary ability and literary talent, and furnished immense amusement to the audience.

Messrs. Brown, Smith, Franklin and Lawhon provoked a big laugh as comic songsters, with banjo accompaniment by Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hardy, our worthy mayor, executed a beautiful melody upon the organ, to the great surprise of his friends whom he had heretofore kept in ignorance of his accomplishments in this direction.

Last, but not least, Mr. W. H. Nance delivered a soul-stirring recitation entitled "The Texas Story," an epistle by a Texas cowboy—full of sound and fury, signifying trouble on the "range."

After more music by the band, all present adjourned to the Hutchinson-Glover building, on the north side, where a sumptuous lunch was spread, and we proceeded—we do not speak from experience, was duly appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to secure places at the board.

We learn that the department cleared something over sixty dollars by this entertainment. USO DE LOS HERREROS.

We are having a perfect season this far.

New pavements in progress at Ahrensbeck's and St. Marks' corner.

St. Marks' church grounds, shaded with mesquite trees and set in with rescue grass, make a nice appearance.

We give quite a wealth of local correspondence this week. By the way, the Free Press is generally ahead in this line.

Remember the precinct meeting on Saturday. Let good men return to the primaries if they want a reform in our local politics.

The Presbyterian Sunday School pupils and teachers had a pleasant social at the residence of Mrs. Mathews on yesterday evening.

Don't forget the election of Trustees for our Cemetery Association at the court house on Tuesday night, May 1st. It ought to be a matter of interest to our whole community. Come out.

Last week's Luling Signal appeared to be rather disgruntled over their railroad prospects and at president Lott. We have not learned whether the road is a fixed fact or not.

The writer of the tribute to "The sweet name of Nellie," on our first page, forgot to state that the first rhymes of Robert Burns were inspired by a winsome Scottish lassie of that name.

High Prairie Farmers Alliance suggests an amendment to the platform of local politics adopted by the County Alliance. See resolution in another place. By the way, we hear that a meeting of the Alliance to consider local politics is in contemplation.

We have nothing from Martindale of late. We unluckily lost the name of our last correspondent there, so hope he will excuse our apparent lack of courtesy in not sending him a copy of the paper, and send name again.

The Free Press had no reporter of the outside demonstration, on Friday, beyond the fine procession of the fire boys, which was witnessed by everybody. As for the rest, we only heard of a base ball contest, in which the Kyle club came out victorious.

By a slip of the pencil we last week converted the Knights of Honor into Knights of Pythias, referring to the proposed May-day celebration of the former at this place. We have since learned that the Knights of Honor and Sunday schools will join in celebrating the day.

County Poor Farm—Light Wanted. The condition and management of the poor farm and the treatment of the poor of Hays county is a subject which imperatively demands attention. We call on those who are well posted to give the public needed light on the subject.

The editor of the Lockhart Register, in his first notice of our recent visit to that place, showed himself a churl and a boor of the first water; his last notice of our demonstration in the same line, the word expressive of which will at once suggest itself to the reader of his article.

We learn there is regular stampede into the order of the Knights of Honor, and that one of our physicians is enjoying a bonanza. It is the way of examining applicants.

Where Happiness is Found.

Where Happiness is found? In the Free Press and in the life of Dr. Bigger's Huckleberry Cordial, which serves as much pain and anxiety in relieving the little ones from teething and colic.

"Hark From the Tombs."

We use the above in no spirit of levity or irreverence—far from it—but simply to call attention to the meeting on Tuesday evening, May 1st, for the election of Trustees of our Cemetery Association. We all profess to love and honor the place where what is mortal of our departed loved ones is laid to rest; but we regret to say, our actions have not been in accordance with these professions. The condition of our cemetery is well known to be anything but satisfactory, and is often criticized, but our people, the critics included, do not attend the meetings of the Association where such matters might be corrected. We are informed that at the last meeting to elect officers, only two persons were in attendance, viz: The president, Maj. Hutchinson and Mr. Reynolds, the secretary. The writer hereof came in but too late, and hereby accepts his full share of the censure he is bestowing on our community generally in regard to this matter. It is a shameful state of things, and we exhort one and all to come out next Tuesday and inaugurate a reform, by doing what is most necessary to be done in the premises.

Resolutions Adopted by the High Prairie Alliance, No. 3017, April 21, 1888.

Reported for the Free Press.

Whereas, at the last regular meeting of the Hays County Farmers' Alliance, held in the town of San Marcos, April 3rd 1888, a resolution was reported by the committee on resolutions and adopted by the body, and Whereas, said resolutions by containing the words, "of his particular political party," are a violation of our declarations of intentions and obligations, and Whereas, our declarations of intentions read, "to labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit," 2nd, To endorse the motto "in things essential, unity and in all things, charity," 5th, To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all mankind, and brotherly love among ourselves, 6th, To suppress all personal, local, sectional and national prejudices, and all uncharitable rivalry and all selfish ambition, and

Whereas, said resolutions can only serve to keep up the old political bitterness within our ranks, which we should ever strive to suppress, and

Whereas, we believe that the laboring classes can only secure relief from the many unjust burdens they now bear by united action at the polls, regardless of old party lines, bosses and demagogues, and further, we believe our present oppressed condition has been brought about by voting to suit a few party leaders, demagogues and tricksters of the different political parties, who have managed legislation in the interest of the few, thereby oppressing the many, therefore be it

Resolved—1st, That we ask the committee to give reason why their resolution contains the words above spoken of, 2nd, That we ask each and every sub-alliance in the county and state to attend the conventions as farmers and laboring citizens as a unit and not as democrats or republicans, and place in nomination for office, regardless of party lines, men whom we know to be in sympathy with the laboring classes and who will enact laws in the interests of the people and not of the few. Be it further

Resolved—That a copy of the above be furnished to each of our three county papers and to the Southern Mercury. Done by order of the Alliance.

E. A. HOLLAND, J. A. DIXON, President, Secretary.

PERSONAL.

Thanks to Mr. Butler, of Hardy & Co's, for favors.

Mr. Ab Reed, we learn, will shortly go into business at this place.

T. O. Johnson has a new patent pavement leading to his residence.

Elder Williamson's late series of meetings here were quite successful and satisfactory.

Julius Rudorf is reading at New Braunfels and is officiating as assistant P. M.

T. P. Dailey is greatly improving the appearance of his place by a new paling fence in front, in place of the old stockade.

Jake Lawson came in from Kerr county on Sunday with his mother, who is again occupying her old home in this place.

The Free Press acknowledges a pleasant call from ex-Commissioner Lightfoot this week.

Adolph Voges, of the Hoffmeier hotel, has a nice little aviary in the court yard of that establishment, stocked with quite a variety of native birds.

Copple R. is moving his grocery store into the John Williamson corner, the meat market in said building having taken a side position.

The older of the Rountree brothers, of the Kyle Star, sons of the editor, Mrs. McPherson, made the Free Press a call on Friday, in company with Mr. San Hellman.

We were pleased to make the personal acquaintance on yesterday of Mr. P. Wimberly, a gentleman whom we have known by reputation ever since we came here.

Messrs. Atkinson, Peniston and Cooke, delegates from this place to the State Medical Convention, left, with families, for Galveston, the place of meeting, the first of the week.

Maj. Davidson is in his 32nd year. He is older than the late emperor William of Germany, and as a worthy American sovereign outranks all hereditary princes and potentates.

We believe we have never mentioned the fact that Frank Davidson sold the Farmers' Alliance bond for a cotton yard, for some \$700. We are glad that Frank is likely to make his addition to the town pay well.

Frank Johnson informs us that he has a dewberry vine grafted on a blackberry stock which yields a greater quantity and a superior quality of fruit over the ordinary dewberry. We presume the process could be reversed with good results.

In hope of benefiting others similarly afflicted, we give place elsewhere to an article from Mr. A. M. Young, sent us week before last. By the way we are very glad to learn since that he continues to improve wonderfully, and that there would seem to be good indications of his permanent restoration to health.

Geoff. Lamson, the shoemaker, is quite a success as a horticulturist. We were shown by him several fine grafts made this spring on Chinese plum and pear stock. Five on one tree, all in vigorous growth, three varieties on the same stock. He says every graft made this spring struck and he had to kill the superfluous ones. Mr. H. also has the best prospect for grapes we have seen this season, of Black Spanish and Herkness varieties.

The Late Prof. Lyons.

Something more than the mention we made last week of the death of Prof. Lyons is due from the Free Press. We made his acquaintance years ago when he was a resident of New Braunfels, and have ever since enjoyed his friendship. He was a veteran teacher and followed the vocation almost to the time of his death. We copy the following tribute to his memory from Mrs. McPherson, of the Kyle Star, who was one of his former pupils.

Prof. T. L. Lyons died at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. R. J. Bruckner, of Austin. He had been a resident of Texas since 1855, and for a number of years lived in and near San Marcos. During the war he removed to Blanco and taught school for two years, after which he removed to New Braunfels, where death robbed him of his faithful wife, and left him five little motherless children to rear and educate. He never formed that duty nobly, and his children are all grown up a credit to their noble father's memory. Prof. Lyons was a fine educator, a perfect gentleman and a warm-hearted, consistent Christian. He was a kind father, a faithful friend and a man of honor and of sterling worth.

We regret to announce the death of Glover's fine pointer dog, "Dan." He fell a victim to poison recklessly thrown out by some unknown person. Dan was a general favorite, and justly, his sagacity, good nature, and happy, large hearted, joyous disposition, contrasted favorably with many bipeds. Apropos, evidently the Council should at once pass a dog law. Let this be done, and the superannuated deedly dispatched by shooting, and let us have done with this poisoning business. There is an element of treachery in it that the average dog, even if he understood the devilish art, would scorn to be guilty of.

Token of Condolence.

On the 23rd day of March 1888, death made the first inroad in our order at this place, and removed from our midst our beloved brother, James M. Franks in his fifty-third year, casting a deep shadow of sadness and bereavement over our Alliance and the entire community where he lived.

While in humble submission, we bow to the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we feel that we have sustained a great loss; therefore, be it Resolved, that the members of Science Hall Alliance, No. 2985, realize that they have lost a worthy and exemplary member, and his family a kind, devoted and indulgent husband and father.

Resolved—That in this painful affliction we extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathies and commend them to the care of his, their and our God.

Resolved—That these resolutions be published in the "Southern Mercury" and the County papers.

E. H. PHINNEY, J. L. ANDREWS, Com. S. ATKIN.

For the Free Press.

Rio Blanco Literary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Buss, April 21st 7 o'clock P. M. Opened by reading 52nd Psalm and song "Sowing in the Morning;" address by Mrs. McCoy; reading by Mr. President, subject "Farmers' Sons;" reading by Mrs. McCoy, subject "Good Use of Memory;" recitation by Norman Cozby subject "A True Man;" reading by Miss Annie McCoy subject "Example;" recitation by Mr. Henry Douling subject "The Paucity Wife of Robert Emmet;" reading by Miss Eula Billings subject "Power of Kindness;" duet by Miss Pearl Cozby and Herff Crocker "The Milk Maid;" reading by Miss Edna Crocker subject "Gongee to do Right;" song "Beautiful Gate." Adjourned: place of next meeting Mr. James Dixon's, Saturday evening, April 28, A. D. 1888, 7 o'clock P. M.

W. B. CHORNER, Pres. Miss May Dixon, Sec. RENESE BILLINGSLEY, Mrs. M. E. McCoy Mgr.

Precinct No. 1.

In pursuance of the call of the chairman of the county executive committee, the democrats of precinct No. 1 will meet at the Court House in this place Saturday the 25th inst. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to meet May 5th.

J. E. PARRECHT, Chm.

Precinct Meetings.

You are requested to call mass-meetings of the Democrats of your respective precincts for the 25th of April, to elect delegates to a county convention hereby called to meet in San Marcos on Saturday, the 5th day of May, which will elect delegates to the convention which will meet in Fort Worth on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, for the purpose of sending delegates to a National convention which meets in St. Louis on the 5th of June, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President. The different chairmen are requested to take prompt action.

P. H. HAYS, Chm. Hays Co. Dem. Ex. Com. Kyle, April 9th, 1888.

A Doctor's Patient.

Why is a doctor better taken care of than some one is sure to wrap him up? The prudent doctor advises his patients to keep Dr. Bigger's Huckleberry Cordial to relieve sudden attacks of the bowels.

Death like a Man Breaking your Window.

Why is death like a man breaking your window? He puts an end to your pains (pains). Dr. Bigger's Huckleberry Cordial will put an end to the pains in the bowels.

Death like the Letter E.

Why is death like the letter E? It is the end of life. Which often comes to soon when you are not expecting it. Dr. Bigger's Huckleberry Cordial.

Dripping Springs.

April 16, 1888. D. S. has almost gone into bankruptcy, through the past week, in the news business. Her liabilities are very great, amounting about one per cent.

There is a constant buzzing going on, such as one hears along a cedar rail fence in the summer time, but what is behind it (if anything) does not at present appear. Everybody is now waiting for another rain. Corn looks very well generally, and some cotton is up, but that which was planted last week will not be likely to come up until it rains.

Some of the people are going a fishing. We have just heard of two young men who went to the Federals the other day and brought back a fine nose of fish. This is the first instance of the bringing home of fish by young men that we have heard of.

Like the buzzing, there must be something back of it.

Cattle are beginning to look as if they were not fat, and it is reported that beef cattle command a fair price in Austin. Anyone wishing to test this has only to take 50 or 100 fat heaves to Austin, when he will find no market at all. Every butcher will want mutton or pork. We have "been there" and know whereof we speak. One Monday butter was worth 35 cents per pound. The break in the market, and it extended to all produce of the garden and dairy, had been caused by a "new man" coming into town with a two horse wagon plumb full of plunder. We were informed. It is a pleasure to watch the Austin market if you have nothing that you are anxious to sell. It reminds me of the pantomime, now you have it and now you don't. By the way, what a picture of life the pantomime is! All fellow clowns, the hobbies of each. Honest and simple old pantalons are being constantly taken in. The clown (or fool) burns his fingers (figuratively) constantly, and makes trouble all around. And while each person thinks he is "padding his own canoe" the clever harlequin (politician, agitator or pious fraud) leads the dance and coils his fun from them all. Oh, wise is the man who sets out to act on principle; but wiser far is one whom circumstances and a harlequin do not lead by the nose.

April 21. Two deaths are reported to us this week. Mr. Henry Hunter and Mr. McKee.

Mrs. Daniels was so unfortunate as to fall and thereby break her shoulder blade, and is now quite ill.

We had a fine rain on Tuesday night, and the prospects are good for more very shortly.

Messrs. Wallace, Chapman, Williams and others went to the Federals to catch fish but caught the rain of Tuesday instead—fisherman's luck.

The Wallace Alliance is growing in numbers and wisdom.

Messrs. MacKinnon and Howard are buying horses which they purpose shipping about May 1st. Both gentlemen are good judges of a horse and they will take a clean lot of animals to market when they move.

In answer to Thos. J. Davis' request, I beg to state that arsenical poisons, such as Paris green, London purple, etc., can be used to advantage, and without danger to producer or consumer when handled in an ordinarily careful manner. So far as is known, no plant will take up the poison, but the planter must be careful to keep his hands from the plants while handling the mixture or the plants after it is put on. An efficient mixture is one pound Paris green, twenty pounds flour and ten pounds sifted, wood ashes. These ingredients must be thoroughly mixed, and the preparation can then be dusted lightly on the plants through a fine sieve or better with a brush.

The amount of mixture given above will kill all the insects likely to visit one acre of closely planted ground, as cotton, in two days if not wastefully applied. One pound of Paris green may also be put in forty gallons of water and applied with a sprinkler. But as the poison does not dissolve, constant agitation of the water is necessary, and while the application will kill existing insects, it readily washes from the plants and leaves them exposed to the new comers. I give the recipe for Paris green in preference to commercial arsenic because it is safer to use, both as regards those handling and the plants. Commercial arsenic and many of its compounds are liable to scald the plants, finally, dust very lightly. If the troublesome insects are not dead next day, dust again. When the poison acts, do not re-apply until the insects make headway again which may not occur. Vouched for by the U. S. Entomological Commission.

On Dr.

Wimberly.

April 23, 1888. Everybody is joyous and gay, having plenty of rain. It is raining to-day. Crops looking well, grass good. Stock getting fat. And we all have plenty to do and no grumbling about it.

Mr. Frank Waldrup, from Llano county, spent two days in Wimberly last week. He was the guest of Z. T. Wimberly.

Mrs. Eliza Yantis is here visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. Nye, of San Marcos, passed through our village last week, on route to Blanco City.

Miss Susie Williamson, from Purgatory, was here last week visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Burleson, from Wayside, spent several days in Wimberly last week, visiting friends.

Mrs. N. A. Watson is at home again. She has been gone five or six weeks, visiting relatives.

George Morris and wife were in Wimberly yesterday visiting relatives.

Mr. C. A. Davis spent several hours in Wimberly last week. We are always glad to see him.

Mrs. Cowan has been very sick but is better to-day.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Combines, in a manner peculiar to itself, the best blood-purifying and strengthening remedies of the vegetable kingdom. You will find this wonderful remedy effective where other medicines have failed. Try it now. It will purify your blood, regulate the digestion, and give new life and vigor to the entire body.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla did me great good. I was tired out from overwork, and it toned me up." Mrs. G. E. SIMMONS, Colton, N. Y. "I suffered three years from blood poison. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and think I am cured." Mrs. M. J. DAVIS, Brockport, N. Y.

Purifies the Blood.

"Hood's Sarsaparilla is characterized by two peculiarities: 1st, the combination of remedial agents; 2d, the propriety; 3d, the process of securing the active medicinal qualities. The result